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## MR. WILSON SHOULD RUN

A ruthless senate having broken the heart of the world by declining to approve the league of nations, the logical thing for the president to do—the only thing in good conscience that he can do—is to announce himself an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for a third term, proposing to carry the league to the people in solemn referendum to ascertain if there is balm in Gilead.

The president expressed a desire to make ratification of the league, "without dotting an i or crossing a t," the paramount issue in the November campaign.

There is no means of making it an issue unless the president himself will assume the obligation of going before the people, and to again ask them to give him a patriotic senate of his own political faith and persuasion, and one that is easy to handle.

Those who stood with the president, or more correctly who, like the Apostle Peter, followed afar off, and demanded an unserved league, are first to deplore and discourage the suggestion that the president should be nominated for a third term to complete the work he has started. There are some who think he is already about through.

One of the confessedly great newspapers that for months preached the doctrine of "stand by Wilson or betray the nation," now says only enemies of the Democratic party want him renominated, because if he were nominated he would be defeated. The issue, however, is clouded by saying, in great generosity, that it would be difficult to persuade the people to overcome their traditional prejudice against the third term.

It might be said with equal accuracy that it is difficult to overcome the traditional opposition of the American people to entangling alliances with other nations.

Compared with Mr. Wilson politically there is not a devotee among all his worshippers worthy to unloose the latch of his shoes.

He can make the league an issue in the election, and no other Democrat can. In fact, we doubt if any other Democrat would want to. But in the vernacular, that is his business. If it is to be an issue Mr. Wilson must be the standard bearer.

We would welcome an opportunity for the American people to register their sentiment on the subject.

A brief survey of the situation will make clear how difficult the problem is to solve. Deducing the votes of the irreconcilables from the votes against the treaty with reservations, it will be found that there are only about 14 votes within the senatorial fold that the president can call his own. We will assume that they remain his by right of conquest if he is re-elected, or that he bequeaths them to his successor, in the event he is a Democrat, accompanied with a testimonial to their proverbial cobblence-to-the executive.

Assuming that the entire fourteen are holdovers and that the one-third of the senate, 32 members, to be elected in November, are returned on the promise to support the president, (not the constitution), the president would still have only 46 votes, or eighteen less than the two-thirds required to ratify a treaty.

Thus we see no hope for the league if the decision at the polls in November is adverse, and but slight hope if the solemn referendum is favorable; but it is apparent that the undertaking is too difficult, to intricate and too vast for any other than Woodrow Wilson to attempt if it is to be the one and paramount issue.

**INDISCRETIONS**

Rear Admiral Sims is a bluff old sea-dog with a good fighting record, in spite of the recent attempt of Secretary Daniels to classify him rather under the head of desk-officers. In the late war and previously the admiral has done his bit.

Nevertheless he has not purged himself of all human weaknesses. Of these the most serious is one that has been frequently noted among sailors on shore, a disposition to put too loose a curb upon that unruly member, the tongue.

For example, the admiral ought never to have published Admiral Benson's remark to the effect that we would as soon fight the English as the Germans.

Nor ought he to have been so indiscriminating in criticizing the other branch of arms, the war department, in its conduct of operations in France. Secretary of the Treasury Glass repeats in his letters that Sims made disparaging remarks about our land campaigns, though it is evident that he was in the habit of expressing himself so freely that he has forgotten many things that he said.

And it is difficult even on his evidence to charge up the navy department with the loss of half a million men and two and a half millions of shipping tons through incompetence.

Secretary Daniels has doubtless been somewhat less than one hundred per cent efficient in managing the navy. Still he has to his credit the late Admiral Dewey's written word that he was the most efficient secretary the navy had ever had. And since then he has had at least a little to do with winning a war. This last event is a fact sometimes forgotten by senatorial investigating committees.

**THE WOMAN VOTER**

The purifying influence of woman's presence has been felt in every activity in which she has engaged.

Fifty years hence we will contemplate the disfranchisement of woman as a monstrous wrong, perhaps the last remaining evidence of a barbaric age.

Opponents of woman suffrage universally have complained that they feared the deteriorating effect of the ballot upon woman.

The question of her intelligence has not been considered; nor her right as a property owner; nor her right as a citizen of a republic in which the right of suffrage cannot be abridged because of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude.

The social fabric of the country has not suffered at the hands of woman, and she has been the bulwark and the strength that has irrevocably divided the eligible from the ineligible, the fit from the unfit, the moral from the immoral.

The cause of charity is none the worse for her activity, and the work of administering and soliciting is primarily in woman's sphere.

The churches have not suffered from her devotion, and it is she who fills the pews that otherwise might be empty, and exerts the largest influence for the spread of religion.

Children suffer nothing from association with woman, and homes are none the less attractive because only a woman can make them.

Is politics so much more sacred than church, home and children that it stands in danger of being defiled by the influence that purifies all other phases of life with which it comes in contact?

## THE HASKIN LETTER

## CUBA AS A RESORT

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—Cuba may be said to have lost millions of dollars this year by reason of her failure to please the ladies.

She does not cater to her visitors of the homelier sex as skillfully as she might, either, but a good many of the men who came here this winter and stayed only a few days would have lingered on to have another drink and another look at the races if their work-week would have let them. A large percentage of the women become bored after a few days, and want to go back to Florida.

Early this month it was reported that nearly ninety thousand passports for Cuba had been issued in the United States. It seems a considerable number, but during the whole winter the number who have journeyed hither will reach a hundred thousand, which is certainly a large number for a winter resort.

And all these migrants braved a sea voyage, and a stay in a hotel, and a stay on the train, which never carry more than one dining-car, where they had to eat, and a stay in a room at Key West for hours on end to make the purely perfunctory statement that they had paid their money, and they paid the outrageous price of about twenty dollars each to travel the ninety miles here in the time of this winter.

This enormous crowd of people, therefore, came to Cuba, impelled by a desire to get away from the cold, and yet Havana is not crowded and has not been crowded at any time this winter. The reason is that the winter season here is not so long as it is at Palm Beach, Miami, or any of the other leading winter resorts in the States. Havana hotels are only twenty thousand visitors, so presumably have never been that many visitors here in the time of this winter.

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## The Question Box?

Q. Are any American firms entering into competition with foreign business houses for postwar trade in the Near East?

A. The first building erected in Constantinople since the world war is the headquarters of the American Foreign Trade corporation, which, with other American firms, is after business in the Near East.

Q. How long is an ex-service man protected by government insurance after he fails to pay the premium on his policy?

A. Nevada law provides that he is protected for one month after he allows the policy to lapse. This is called the period of grace.

Q. In what state is the per capita contribution toward the support of clergymen greatest?

A. Nevada leads all other states in supporting its Christian ministers. The per capita contribution to pastors' salaries averages \$11.12 a year for each church member.

Q. What is the formula for the paint used on the White House?

A. It consists of 70 per cent white lead, 30 per cent French white zinc. Sufficient raw linseed oil is added to make the paint brushable.

Q. What state has the largest number of motor vehicles in proportion to its population?

A. In Iowa there is one motor vehicle to every 6.09 inhabitants. In California the percentage is 6.20 inhabitants to every motor vehicle.

Q. Is Herbert Hoover still United States food administrator?

A. Mr. Hoover's secretary says that he presented his resignation as food administrator to the president on July 1, 1919. He served as food administrator from August, 1917, until that date.

Q. What has been the cause of the large number of cases of poisoning due to olives?

A. The United States bureau of chemistry says that it has made a careful investigation of olive packing plants in the United States and has found that the percentage of poisoning resulted from eating ripe olives packed in glass. The packages had not been sufficiently sterilized as the usual heating for a period of one-half hour at the temperature of boiling water and the present toxicity was due to the destruction of the bacillus botulinus in this poisonous organism is present in ripe olives.

Q. Can you tell me something of the record of Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion?

A. He enlisted in the French army immediately upon the declaration of war in 1914. He was first detailed in the motor corps service as a driver. After a few months he applied for aviation service and passed the tests in the spring. He was sent to the front at once and flew as a pilot for artillery and infantry observations from the spring of 1915 until the summer of 1917. In 1917 he was detailed as a physical and boxing instructor. He was decorated with the military medal and the cross of war with two palms.

Q. How old is the present dynasty of Japan, and who the Japanese emperor?

A. A Japanese claim that their empire, which was founded by Jimmu, was founded by the first emperor, Jimmu.

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## Germany's Balancing Act.

The sudden overthrow of the Ebert government by the monarchists, and its equally sudden restoration to power demonstrate clearly that Germany is in a state of exceedingly unstable equilibrium. The present regime is balancing delicately on a high fence. On one side is William Hohenzollern, with the old traditions of world-empire, and on the other side is Nikolaï Lenin with his hopes of spreading revolution throughout the world. Both are watching Herr Ebert and his "moderates," ready to take advantage of any sign of weakness or falling out.

The attempted monarchist coup, though beaten, was not altogether a success. As the Pittsburgh Sun (Dem.) points out, it demonstrated "that the Ebert administration can be overthrown with comparative impunity, and 'created' a new danger to the German people of the stability of a government that can be forced from its capital through the Sun regime."

The Sun regime, however, was not able to put down the Von Kapp coup with blood and iron, and "this monarchist victory," as the Sun reports, "leaves the door open for further intrigues."

But as Ebert was unable to oust the monarchists, he was forced to resort to a general strike, which paralyzed industry and transportation. In the end, the monarchists, as the Sun declares, were "playing with fire," and the Salt Lake Tribune (Rep.) expressed the same thought thus:

"There is some danger that this new weapon invoked by the Ebert government to defeat the military conspirators in Prussia will be used in other directions. Already there are symptoms of sinister movements in German industrial centers. The reactionaries, who have been proclaimed, Ebert and Bauer and Noelle may crush the nihilists in Prussia, but they will not meet with a new and equally grave peril—that of a proletarian revolution in Germany."

The man who invoked the strike as a political weapon, the Star-Telegram continues, "is paying the way to Bolshevism. He is inviting how good the purpose he intended to achieve."

The Soviet system is a Russian product, suited to Russian psychology and conditions, and hardly to the German social and political life. Lenin and his associates, however, are determined to force it upon the Germans, and they are already there, and he simply took the Russian revolution as a model.

Though the German Spartacists may be initiators, it is hardly probable that they could develop a government of Germany on such a basis, and their success would require what the Spartacists do not have—a military backing.

Many see a greater danger from the monarchists than from the Spartacists. "No one must assume," declares the New Orleans States (Dem.), "that the monarchists are a harmless gang back in power. The Junkers have only nominally called off their dogs, and they are still in the game."

Will the monarchists, however, continue to believe that Germany must have the monarchy back, and that the Junkers will strike again? And if William II, his methods and his gang, says the New Orleans States, "they will strike again."

Q. How many airplanes are there in an American squadron?—M. E. C. A. An air squadron of the United States army consists of 18 planes, while there are only 12 in a French squadron. The equivalent of an American squadron is 160, and that of a French squadron is 160. This number varies slightly in pursuit, observation and bombardment squadrons.

Q. What country produces the most platinum?—R. O. A. Ninety per cent of the world's annual output of platinum is obtained from the Ural Mountains in Russia.

Q. Was William the Conqueror an illegitimate child?—J. C. A. He was born out of wedlock to Robert, Duke of Normandy, and Arlette, the daughter of a tanner of Falaise, Normandy. Robert, the Duke of Normandy, was acknowledged by the Norman barons to acknowledge William as his successor, and they kept their pledge.

Q. Why do some accountants of the life of George Washington say that he was born on Feb. 11, when his birthday is celebrated on Feb. 22?—J. C. A. The Gregorian calendar, which is now in use, was not adopted in England until 1752. At the time of its adoption there was a difference of 11 days between it and the Julian calendar, the date of Washington's birthday would fall on Feb. 11.

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